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1. THIS TELEGRAM SUMMARIZES JERUSALEM A-7 WHICH PROVIDES
AN UP-TO-DATE AND COMPREHENSIVE PICTURE OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENT
ACTIVITY ON THE WEST BANK AND A WRAP-UP OF DEVELOPMENTS DURING
THE TENURE OF THE LIKUD GOI.

2. BY OUR ESTIMATES, ABOUT 6,500 ISRAELIS NOW LIVE IN 47
SETTLEMENTS ACROSS THE 1949 ARMISTICE LINE ON THE WEST BANK.
FOUR ADDITIONAL SETTLEMENTS ARE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

3. DURING ITS TENURE, THE LIKUD HAS NOW INITIATED OR ALLOWED
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SETTLEMENT OR QUASI-SETTLEMENT AT 14 SITES ON THE WEST BANK
AND TWO IN NO MAN'S LAND. THREE EXISTING UNAUTHORIZED SETTLE-
MENTS HAVE BEEN LEGITIMIZED. WITHIN THE PAST SIX MONTHS,
MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS ON THE GROUND HAVE BEEN:
(A) SETTLEMENT OR PRE-SETTLEMENT AT ELEVEN SITES IN THE
RELATIVELY DENSELY-POPULATED NORTHERN HALF OF THE WEST BANK
(SAMARIA);

(B) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LABOR GOI'S PLAN TO CREATE A WESTERN LINE, INCLUDING FOUR NEW SETTLEMENTS, WHICH

WOULD THICKEN
THE WAIST OF ISRAEL IF INCLUDED IN NEW BORDERS?

(C) PLUGGING TWO NEW SETTLEMENTS, ONE IN ISRAEL PROPER,
IN THE PREVIOUS GAP BETWEEN HEBRON AND BE'ER SHEVA'; AND

(D) CONSOLIDATION OF SETTLEMENTS ON OR NEAR THE JORDAN
VALLEY FLOOR.

4. WITHIN THE PAST SIX MONTHS, THE LIKUD GOI HAS INITIATED
SETTLEMENT AT 12 NEW SITES ON THE WEST BANK. AT THE SAME TIME,
IT HAS ESSENTIALLY COMPLETED WORK AT FOUR SITES PREVIOUSLY
APPROVED BY THE LABOR GOI. THE LIKUD HAS ESTABLISHED SETTLEMENTS
TWICE AS FAST AS THE PREVIOUS LABOR GOI WHICH HAD UNDERTAKEN
TO ESTABLISH 11 SETTLEMENTS IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS.
SETTLEMENTS UNDER THE LABOR GOVERNMENTS HAD CONFORMED, IN
GENERAL, TO THE SECURITY DICTATES OF THE ALLON PLAN ALTHOUGH,
FOR HISTORICAL REASONS, A SEPARATE CLUSTER INCLUDING THE
ETZION BLOC AND KIRYAT ARBA DEVELOPED IN THE HEBRON AREA.
LIKUD SETTLEMENTS HAVE REFLECTED THE GUSH EMUNIM IDEOLOGICAL
DEMAND FOR SETTLEMENT THROUGHOUT ERETZ ISRAEL AS WELL AS
AGRICULTURAL MINISTER SHARON'S DESIRE TO DIVIDE CONCENTRATIONS
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OF ARABS AND LINK THE HEAVILY-POPULATED COAST WITH THE ISRAELI-
CONTROLLED JORDAN VALLEY. ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS HAVE LARGELY
BEEN IGNORED AS HAVE PREVIOUS PREFERENCES AGAINST SETTLEMENT
IN DENSELY-POPULATED AREAS. WHILE A DEFINITE EFFORT HAS BEEN
MADE TO SETTLE WITHIN CONFINES OF EXISTING MILITARY CAMPS
AND AVOID--AT LEAST INITIALLY--EXPROPRIATIONS, SETTLEMENTS
HAVE BEEN SITED ON PURELY CIVILIAN SITES AS NECESSARY.

5. AT LEAST EIGHT ADDITIONAL SITES HAVE BEEN PROPOSED BY
ISRAELI SETTLEMENT GROUPS OR AGENCIES. NOT ALL OF THESE WILL
NECESSARILY BE SETTLED. INDEED, FUTURE SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY
WILL PROBABLY BE DIRECTED AT CONSOLIDATION AT EXISTING SITES
AND BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE, RATHER THAN SETTLEMENT AT ANY
LARGE NUMBER OF NEW SITES. THIS WILL NOT BE AN EASY PROCESS
AT GUSH EMUNIM SITES BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN SELECTED BY STRATEGIC/
POLITICAL CRITERIA RATHER THAN ECONOMIC/SOCIAL ONES. SUCCESS
IS MORE LIKELY IN THE JORDAN VALLEY WHERE ISRAELI ROOTS ARE
BEING SUNK EVER DEEPER.

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6. SETTLEMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE LIKUD GOI.

NAME	ESTABLISHED	TYPE	AFFILIATION
SAL'IT (TZUR	AUG 1977	NAHAL/INDUSTRIAL	LABOR
NATHAN B)		COLLECTIVE MOSHAVIM	
REIHAN (MEI	AUG 1977	NAHAL	ILP
AMIT B)			
SHAYELET	SEPT 1977	MOSHAV	IL (?)
(COMMENT: IN NO MAN'S LAND)			
KFAR RUT	SEPT 1977	MOSHAV	POALEI
(BE'ER TAL)		AGVAT	
(COMMENT: IN NO MAN'S LAND)			ISRAEL (B)
SANUR (DOTHAN)	OCT 1977	ARMY CAMP/	GUSH EMUNIM
		SETTLEMENT	
SHOMRON	OCT 1977	ARMY CAMP	GUSH EMUNIM
		SETTLEMENT	

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NABI SALIH NOV 1977 ARMY CAMP GUSH EMUNIM
 SETTLEMENT
 BEIT EL NOV 1977 ARMY CAMP GUSH EMUNIM

SETTLEMENT

GIV'ON DEC 1977 ARMY CAMP GUSH EMUNIM
HORON DEC 1977 ARMY CAMP GUSH EMUNIM
ZOHAR DEC 1977 NAHAL LABOR
HARIS FEB 1978 ARMY CAMP GUSH EMUNIM

SETTLEMENT

QARNEI SHOMRON FEB 1978 ARMY CAMP GUSH EMUNIM

SETTLEMENT

TAPUAH JAN 1978 ARMY CAMP NO CIVILIAN

SETTLEMENT PRESENCE AS YET

NAHAL MA'ALE JAN 1978 ARMY CAMP NO CIVILIAN PRESENC
E AS YET

(SILAT AZ ZAHAR) SETTLEMENT

SHILO JAN 1978 ARCHEOLOGICAL GUSH EMUNIM
DIG".

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